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stated that for the purpose of controlling and restricting the activities of these cross words puzzles, Bill will soon be introduced in Parliament."

(Starred questions Nos. 1382 and 1383 answered together.)

Extension of electric train service beyond Tambaram.

* 1382 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what suggestions the State Government have made to the Central Government for extending the electric train service beyond Tambaram?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"The State Government have impressed upon the Government of India the need for the electrification of the railway system beyond Tambaram and have strongly recommended the electrification of the Tambaram-Villupuram Section at least, if the electrification of the Tambaram-Tiruchirappalli Section is considered to be too big an undertaking to be taken all at once."

* 1383 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any scheme for the extension of the electrification of suburban railways from Tambaram up to Chingleput has been recommended by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost thereof;

(*c*) whether the Government have submitted any proposals for new railway links in the State; and

(*d*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes. Sir. This Government recommended to the Government of India the extension of electrification of the suburban railways beyond Tambaram at least up to Vllupuram in the first instance, in case it was considered to be too great an undertaking to take up all at once the electrification of the entire Tambaram-Tiruchirappalli Section.

" (*b*) The particulars relating to the estimated cost are not available with the State Government.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Yes, Sir. In connection with the Second Five-Year Plan of the Government of India, the following railways projects were recommended to the Government of India besides the proposal for electrification of lines :—

(1) Theni-Gudalur Section.

(2) Neyveli-Vriddhachalam-Salem (Broad Gauge) Line.

(3) Salem-Bangalore Line.

(4) Chinnasalem-Chingleput Line.

(5) Mangalore-Hassan Line.

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(6) Tirunelveli-Cape Comerin Line.
(7) Salem-Tiruchirappalli Line.
(8) Manamadurai-Tuticorin Line.
(9) Tanjore-Pattukottai Line.
(10) Conjeevaram-Vellore Line.
(11) Satyamangalam-Chamarajanagar Line.
(12)Tellicherry-Mysore Line.
(13) Kollengode—Tiruchur Line.''

SRI A. RATNAM :—" நமது ராஜ்யத்தில் உள்ள பல்வேறு இடங்களை ரயில் பாதைகளின் மூலமாக இணைப்பதற்காக ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் எவ்வளவு பணம் செலவிடத் திட்டமிட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' எந்தெந்த இடங்களை ரயில் பாதைகள் மூலம் இணைப்பது என்பதைத் தேர்ந்தெடுப்பதும், எந்தெந்த திட்டங்களுக்கு எவ்வளவு செலவாகுமென்பதை மதிப்பிடுவதும் மத்திய சர்க்கார் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட விஷயமாகும். ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தில் இந்தியா பூராவிலும் 1,500 முதல் 2,000 மைல்களுக்குத்தான் ரயில் பாதை போடுவதற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும் என்று தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதற்கேற்றாற்போல் இந்த ராஜ்யத்திற்கு எந்த அளவு எதிர்பார்க்கலாம் என்பதை ஊகித்துக் கொள்ளலாம்."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" சின்ன சேலம், செங்கற்பட்டு ஆகிய இரண்டு இடங்களையும் இணைக்கும் ரயில் பாதை எந்தெந்த ஊர்கள் வழியாகச் செல்லும் என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவிப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' தனிக் கேள்வி போட்டால் பதில் சொல்லுகிறேன்."

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" May I know why the Government did not recommend the linking of Mangalore to Bombay by rail? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' There are hundreds of lines like that. But I have already said in Tamil that for the next second five-year plan, the Central Government had proposed to take up only 1,500 to 2,000 miles of new railway lines and therefore it will not be practicable on our part to recommend to the Government of India to take up any more lines than what we have already recommended.''

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Do Government propose to request the Central Government to undertake the survey of these lines either this year or the next year? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do expect the Central Government will undertake the survey of these lines according to the order of priority indicated by us.''

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" There has been an appeal from the public for a new railway link between Chidambaram and

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Ariyalur. May I know whether Government considered the proposal and if so may I know the reasons for not including it in the proposal and suggestions which they have made to the Government of India?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I have no idea about that proposal. But as I have said already there are hundreds of proposals like that. It is not practicable to include all of them for the purpose of inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan?"

SRI P. SELVARAJ :—"Since the Maniyachi-Tuticorin link would cover an undeveloped area and also be useful for agricultural purposes, will the Government come forward to request the Central Government to give top priority to this railway link?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Government have considered all aspects and all these proposals they have discussed with the railway authorities and then only it has been decided that only the 13 railway links which I have now read out need the highest priority for the purpose of inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan."

SRI K. UPPI :—"May I know whether the Government have any proposal to construct a railway link from . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member should ask whether this Government had recommended to the Central Government to construct a railway link. Railway are a Central subject. This Government can only recommended to the Central Government.

SRI K. UPPI :—"May I know whether this Government had recommended to the Central Government to construct a railway link from Feroke to Melatur?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I may tell the hon. Member that Government have not recommended any proposal other than the 13 proposals which I have read out."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—"May I know which is the station which is to be linked when Satyamangalam and Chamarajanagar are linked? Is it Erode, Mettur or Coimbatore?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Notice, Sir."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—"திருப்பூரையும், பழனியையும் ரயில்வே பாதை மூலமாக இணைப்பதற்கு ஒரு 'ப்ரபோசல்' இருந்தது. அதை ஏன் ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ள சென்னை சர்க்கார் சிபாரிசு செய்யவில்லை?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"திருப்பூருக்கும், பழனிக்குமிடையே நல்லரோடு வசதி இருக்கிறது. ஆகையால் அவ்விரண்டு ஊர்களையும் ரயில் பாதை மூலம் இணைப்பது அவ்வளவு அவசரமில்லை. அதைவிட முக்கியமாக இருக்கும் லைன்களை முதலில் கவனிக்கவேண்டும்."